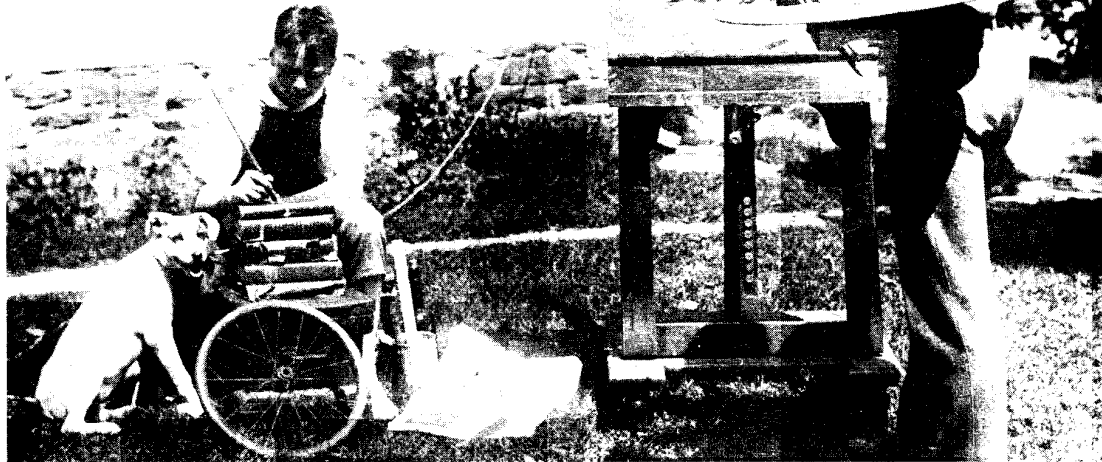


## Norman Rockwell



Born in 1894, Norman Rockwell began his career as an artist at an early age, finishing his first commissioned job before the age of 16. He freelanced for several magazines and worked as an art director for Boys' Life. His next move would eventually make him a household name when at twenty-two he did his first cover for the Saturday Evening Post. He went on to publish an additional three hundred and twenty-one covers for the Post.

Besides his well-known magazine work, Rockwell produced "Four Freedoms" in 1943, a series of four paintings based on President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Four Freedoms concept. The paintings were published in the Saturday Evening Post with essays on the role of an individual in a democracy. An exhibit of the "Four Freedoms" toured the country raising 130 million dollars in the sale of war bonds.

In 1977, Rockwell was honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his "vivid and affectionate portraits of our century." He passed away the following year.

The Norman Rockwell museum in Stockbridge holds the world's largest collection of Rockwell's work including photographs, letters and over five hundred and seventy of his paintings and drawings. Currently a major exhibition of Rockwell's work organized by the High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia, and the Norman Rockwell Museum at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, is touring the nation.

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